

# Gustavus Hill Crew To Host Teddy Bear Toss Benefit February 11

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**ST. PETER, Minn. –**

Gustavus Adolphus College's student fan organization, The Hill Crew, is holding its inaugural Teddy Bear Toss benefit on Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m. as the Gustavus men's hockey team hosts Bethel University.

Attendees who bring a new teddy bear or stuffed animal will receive free admission to the game, which will benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and Partners for Affordable Housing in Mankato. After the Gusties score their first goal, fans will throw their teddy bears and stuffed animals onto the ice, where they will be collected and donated to the two Mankato organizations.

"It's no surprise how much happiness a teddy bear can bring to our children," said Libby Utter, Executive Director of Gillette Children's Foundation. "Patients come from all over to receive treatment for some of the most complex medical conditions. It's nice to be able to give them something cuddly to help brighten their stay."

"It should be a fun event and provide something of comfort to the kids staying at our shelters and in our Transitional Housing Program," Partners for Affordable Housing Communications and Volunteer Coordinator Liz Zaruba added.

Organized entirely by Hill Crew students, the event will take place

The Hill Crew creates an energetic fan experience on campus.

at the Don Roberts Ice Rink in Lund Center on the Gustavus campus. The general public is encouraged to attend to support the two community organizations.

“Partners for Affordable Housing is excited about this event and partnership with Gustavus. We are so thankful and appreciative of the support from our local community,” Zaruba said.

### **About The Hill Crew**

*As Gustavus Adolphus College’s student fan organization, The Hill Crew’s mission centers around uniting the student body to support Gustavus athletics, fine arts, and campus events to create an atmosphere that is second to none. [The Gustavus Hill Crew app](#) is available in the Apple iTunes and Google Play stores.*

### **About Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare**

*Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs. As the nation’s first hospital devoted to the treatment of children who have disabilities, Gillette’s mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. For more information, [visit Gillette’s website](#) .*

### **About Partners for Affordable Housing**

*Deep-rooted in the community for over 25 years, Partners for Affordable Housing is seasoned in serving the housing needs for vulnerable populations. The organization owns and operates a number of site housing facilities that provide different housing options. In addition to emergency shelters, Theresa House and Welcome Inn, the organization provides transitional and permanent affordable housing options to homeless and/or at-risk individuals and families in the Mankato area. [More information is available online](#) .*

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